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Re: U.S. Continuation Utility Patent Application  
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449, 15 pages, listing 76 documents;
3. One copy of the 76 cited documents on Form PTO-1449; and
4. One return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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